<div align="center">Remarks</div>

Claim rejections

Claims 1 to 25 were pending when last examined. With this Response, Applicant cancels claims 1 to 6 and amends claim 15 to correct a typographical error.

§ 112 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 7 to 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with thee written description requirement. The Examiner stated:

> In claims 7-17, recite a front wall midplane, however, applicant's specification (see line 13 of page 5) recites the first midplane sled 104 also includes a front wall, or midplane, 210 (sic). Is element 210 applicant's front wall or midplane or front wall midplane?

February 2, 2004 Final Office Action, p. 2. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the specification to state a "front wall midplane 210" to correspond with the recited claim language. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the § 112 rejection of claims 7 to 14.

Applicant notes that claims 15 to 17 do not recite "front wall midplane" and therefore their rejection should be withdrawn.

§ 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1 to 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,899,254 ("Ferchau et al.") in view of, inter alia, U.S. Patent No. 6,459,571 ("Carteau"). Applicant has canceled claims 1 to 6 to expedite the prosecution but reserves the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

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In summary, claims 1 to 25 were pending in the above-identified application when last examined. This Response cancels claims 1 to 6, and amends claims 15. For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner with withdraw the claim rejections and allow claims 7 to 25. Should the Examiner have any questions, please call the undersigned at (408) 382-0480x206.

Respectfully submitted,

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